deration to launch ASLV with the help of West Germany ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA : I would like to ask the Minister...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Sir,

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Mr. Chairman, Sir ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN :..

SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG : मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि यह जो आपका कार्यक्रम है उस कार्यक्रम पर सरकार ने ...(व्यवधान)...यह कार्यक्रम कब तक चलाया जाएगा और इसकी रूपरेखा क्या होगी और कितनी अवधि में इस कार्यक्रम को सम्पन्न करने की योजना है ?

ORAL ANSWER TO SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, the Short Notice Question by Mr. Bagrodia.

Use of the Jute Bags

*1. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :†
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a move to withdraw the mandatory use of jute bags; and

(b) if so, what will be its likely impact of the jute industry ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : ..(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Irrigation Projects of Karnataka

*442. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of irrigation projects

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†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Santosh Bagrodia.

of Karnataka are pending with the Central Government for clearance ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the said pending projects ; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Of the four new major project proposals received from the Government of Karnataka, two have since been appraised, and the other two were not in the list of projects included in the Seventh Plan. However, comments on some of the aspects have already been sent to the State Government for compliance and reply.

Farmers' share in the National Income

*443. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the farmers' share in the National Income as in 1950-51 *vis a-vis* in 1985-86;

(b) what was the amount of estimated loans given to the farming sector in the year 1986-87 from financial institutions like commercial banks, rural banks, co-operative banks and land development banks and also the loans from other sources;

(c) what is the estimated amount of interest being paid by the 'farming sector' on its total loans;

(d) what is the estimated impact of the above on the farming sector's financial condition; and

(e) whether the recent suicides by certain cotton-growing farmers in Andhra Pradesh, etc. is indicative of the declining and precarious financial position of the farming sector, if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI) : (a) The information on farmers' income as a distinct component of National Income is not comiled by CSO while computing the National Income and other aggregates. However, the data relating to the share of agriculture sector in Gross Domestic Product at factor cost at 1970-71 prices shows that the share was 57% in 1950-51 and 34.5% in 1985-86.

(b) The estimated amount of loans given to the farming sector in the year 1986-87 from financial institutions viz., commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks was Rs. 8068.72 crores according to the information furnished by Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India and NABARD have informed that the information on the estimated amount of interest being paid by the farming sector on its total loans is not generated by the present system of data collection.

(e) No, Sir.

Ratio between the population and the High Court Judges

*446. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Law Commission suggested any ratio to be